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SUBJ: BIJEDIC VISIT TO DRV

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1. YUGOSLAV PREMIER DZEMAL BIJEDIC AND DELEGATION HAVE COMPLETED FOUR-DAY VISIT TO NORTH VIETNAM, CONTINUING EXTENDED TOUR OF ASIA WHICH HAS TAKEN THEM TO INDIA (9/30), SRI LANKA (9/30-10/1), BURMA (10/2) AND DRV (10/2-6). OCTOBER 6 BIJEDIC DEL FLEW FROM HANOI TO PRC FOR SIX-DAY VISIT, AND THEY ARE EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE THEIR TRAVELS WITH STOPS IN SINGAPORE AND INDIA. OTHER MEMBERS OF BIJEDIC PARTY INCLUDE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS RADIC AND LUDVIGER, DEPFONSEC MOJSOV, AND COL. GEN. NIKOLA PEJNOVIC.

2. WHILE IN VIETNAM, BIJEDIC DELEGATION MET WITH NUMEROUS HIGH OFFICIALS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT TON DUC THANG, VICE
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PRESIDENT NGUYEN DUY TRINH, PREMIER PHAM VAN DONG, AND

ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT TRUONG CHINH. THEY ALSO TOURED
HANOI, QUANG NINH PROVINCE, AND HAIPHONG.

3. BIJEDIC VISIT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN PRIMARILY
CEREMONIAL AND HAS RESULTED IN NO SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENTS,
UNLIKE APRIL 1974 VISIT OF NORTH VIETNAMESE PREMIER
TO YUGOSLAVIA. WHILE ATMOSPHERE SURROUNDING VISIT WAS
ONE OF EFFUSIVE CORDIALITY AND STANDARD NON-ALIGNED
POSITIONS ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES WERE REPEATED, YUGOSLAVS
WERE CAREFUL NOT TO ALLOW NORTH VIETNAMESE TO PUT WORDS
INTO THEIR MOUTHS, PARTICULARLY WHERE U.S. WAS CONCERNED.
THROUGHOUT VISIT ANY REFERENCES MADE TO "AMERICAN
AGGRESSION" OR "AMERICAN IMPERIALISM" WERE CAREFULLY
CITED IN YUGOSLAV PRESS AS NORTH VIETNAMESE STATEMENTS.
IN ONE CASE EDITORS OF BELGRADE "POLITIKA" OMITTED
PARTICULARLY OFFENSIVE ANTI-AMERICAN
DIATRIBE CONTAINED IN INTERVIEW OF NORTH VIETNAMESE
PREMIER, IN WHICH HE IDENTIFIED U.S. AS LEADER OF "THE
MUTUAL ENEMY OF ALL PEOPLES, I.E. IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM,
AND RACISM." ("BORBA", BELGRADE'S OTHER MAJOR DAILY,
CARRIED INTERVIEW IN FULL.)

4. COMMUNIQUE TEXT BORE OUT THIS GENERAL CONCLUSION,
AS EVERY ANTI-AMERICAN PARAGRAPH INSERTED BY NORTH
VIETNAMESE WS FOLLOWED BY VAGUER AND MORE CONCILIATORY
YUGOSLAV STATEMENT. COMMUNIQUE NOTED THAT TALKS WERE
CONDUCTED "IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF SINCERITY, FRIENDSHIP,
AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING", BUT THE USUAL "CLOSENESS
OR IDENTITY OF VIEWS" PHRASE WAS OMITTED.

5. COMMENT: IN THE WAKE OF U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM
INDOCHINA AND THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE INDOCHINA WAR AS
AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUE, BIJEDIC DEL IS FINDING THAT
YUGOSLAVIA CAN HAVE ITS CAKE AND EAT IT TOO. IT CAN
MAKE FRIENDLY NOISES WITH ITS IDEOLOGICAL ALLIES, BUT
AT THE SAME TIME IT NO LONGER FEELS IMPELLED TO JOIN
IN DIRECT ATTACKS ON THE U.S. WHICH WOULD UNNECESSARILY
IRRITATE OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.
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